

Shipston Deanery

Lent Services 2023

Tuesdays at 2.30pm

This year our deanery Lent services are slightly different. We are meeting in the afternoons following feedback that it is difficult for some people to travel in the dark and will review it afterwards. We know that whenever we meet, it won't suit everyone, so apologies if this makes it tricky for you this year.

Our time together will be deliberately practical and interactive. Each week there will be a chance to hear about a different way of praying and an opportunity to experience it ourselves. We hope that through Lent you will find something new to resource and help you. Do come along, we'd love to see you. Each session will end with refreshments and a chance to chat. If you need more information, please contact Revd Sarah Edmonds at rector@shipstonchurch.org or on 01608 661210.

Prayer

Tuesday 28th February at St Peter & St Paul, Long Compton

O Lord hear our silence / Revd Craig Grocock

Craig is the Diocesan Spirituality Advisor and Vicar of Shottery. He has a background in a variety of faith traditions including Pentecostal, Baptist and Anglo Catholic, served in the Church Army and as a Diocesan Youth Minister before ordination. Experience of this breadth of traditions continues to shape his spirituality. In this afternoon he will guide us through some centring prayer.

Tuesday 7th March at St Mary's, Ilmington

Praying with icons / Revd Susan Mobberley

Susan is a priest in Coventry diocese, and lives and worships in this deanery. She is a gifted icon writer and in 2021 her icon of Thomas Beckett was lent to Southwark Cathedral for a service to mark the 850th anniversary of his death. During this afternoon, Susan will explain about icons and how they can be used and there will be an opportunity to see some of her icons and use them ourselves in prayer.

Tuesday 14th March at St Edmund's, Shipston-on-Stour

Deep Peace in the afternoon / Alison Tomkinson and Ros Wakefield

Using Matthew, the gospel of the year, and drawing on material from the psalms, this afternoon will offer the opportunity for reflection using a variety of 'prayer stations' around the church. As well as experiencing them for yourself we hope you may be inspired or resourced to use ideas in your own context. Alison and Ros are Readers in the deanery and experienced in leading and developing reflective prayer spaces.

Tuesday 21st March in Holy Trinity, Ettington

Power in the name – praying with the Jesus Prayer / Revd David Runcorn

The Jesus Prayer, with its simple but profound repetitions centred on the name of Jesus, is one of the gifts of the Orthodox Church to Western Christians. We will learn its history and Bible basis, with time for discussion and reflection. We will make our own prayer ropes and close by praying the prayer together. David describes himself as a 'free range priest' living in Devon and writing on faith, spirituality and prayer exploring new ways to 'be present to an exciting and restless culture, but one impulsively adrift from any spiritual roots and unable to recognize its perils. More at davidruncorn.org. We are delighted and privileged to welcome him to Shipston Deanery.

Tuesday 28th March - no meeting.

Tuesday 4th April in St Peter's, Whatcote

Praying with Music / Revd Canon Dr Jill Tucker

This is our annual Holy Week Eucharist, and is being convened and planned by Jill Tucker using music to help us worship. If you would like to be involved, including in a special choir, please get in touch with her but of course it is fine just to turn up on the day.